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Title

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## PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(A) REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

To the Commissioner for Patents:

In communications with Examiner Nelson Moskowitz of Group Art Unit 3663, it was brought to the Applicant's attention that an Office Action dated September 10, 2002 was issued for the above-referenced application. Applicant never received the Office Action dated September 10, 2002 and thus was not able to file a timely response to the Office Action. In view of this, Applicant hereby respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment of the current application be withdrawn and that the current application be returned to prosecution for reissuance of the Office Action dated September 10, 2002.

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On March 18, 2003, as a courtesy, Examiner Moskowitz contacted Applicant's attorneys to inquire as to whether it was intentional that a response to the Office Action of September 10, 2002 was not filed within the six-month period for response. It was at that time that Applicant first became aware that an Office Action was issued on September 10, 2002 for this application. Since Applicant was not aware of the issuance of the Office Action, a timely response was not filed by the Applicant to the September 10, 2002 Office Action and this application has become abandoned. However, Applicant has not yet received a Notice of Abandonment for this application.

In support of the current petition for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment,

Applicant is enclosing herewith a declaration by Applicant's undersigned attorney of record attesting to the non-receipt of the Office Action dated September 10, 2002. 

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Applicant is also enclosing a copy of the front cover of Applicant's attorneys' file jacket on which docketed actions are noted for the current application and a print-out from the Applicant's attorneys computerized docketing system of actions due for the current application. Had Applicant's attorneys received the Office Action dated September 10, 2002 the three-month due date for response to the Office Action, as well as due dates for response to the Office Action with a petition for one-month extension of time, a two-month extension of time, or a three-month extension of time would have been entered on both the attorneys' file jacket and computerized docketing system.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On March 18, 2003, Examiner Moskowitz faxed Applicant's attorneys a copy of the Office Action dated September 10, 2002. However, Applicant did not receive any copies of the Office Action prior to Examiner Moskowitz' March 18, 2003 fax.

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The file jacket cover and the print outs from applicant's computerized docket show that

no docketing notation was entered for response to the September 10, 2002 Office Action. As

can be seen from the print-outs from the Applicant's attorneys' computerized docketing system,

docketing entries were made for internal checks on the application including following up on

receipt of the return postcard, application status check, foreign filing reminders and due dates,

information disclosure statement due dates and reminders, and docketing of an internal due date

for filing of the current petition, as well as due dates for past Office Actions.

Applicant respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and the

Office Action dated September 10, 2002 be re-issued and the time for filing response to the

Office Action be reset.

It is believed that no fee is due with this petition. However, if any fee is due with this

paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee on Deposit Account No. 50-

1290.

Any inquiries regarding the current petition may be directed to Applicant's undersigned

attorney of record, who may be reached directly by telephone at (212)940-8712.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Linda S. Chan (Reg. No. 42,400), hereby declare that:

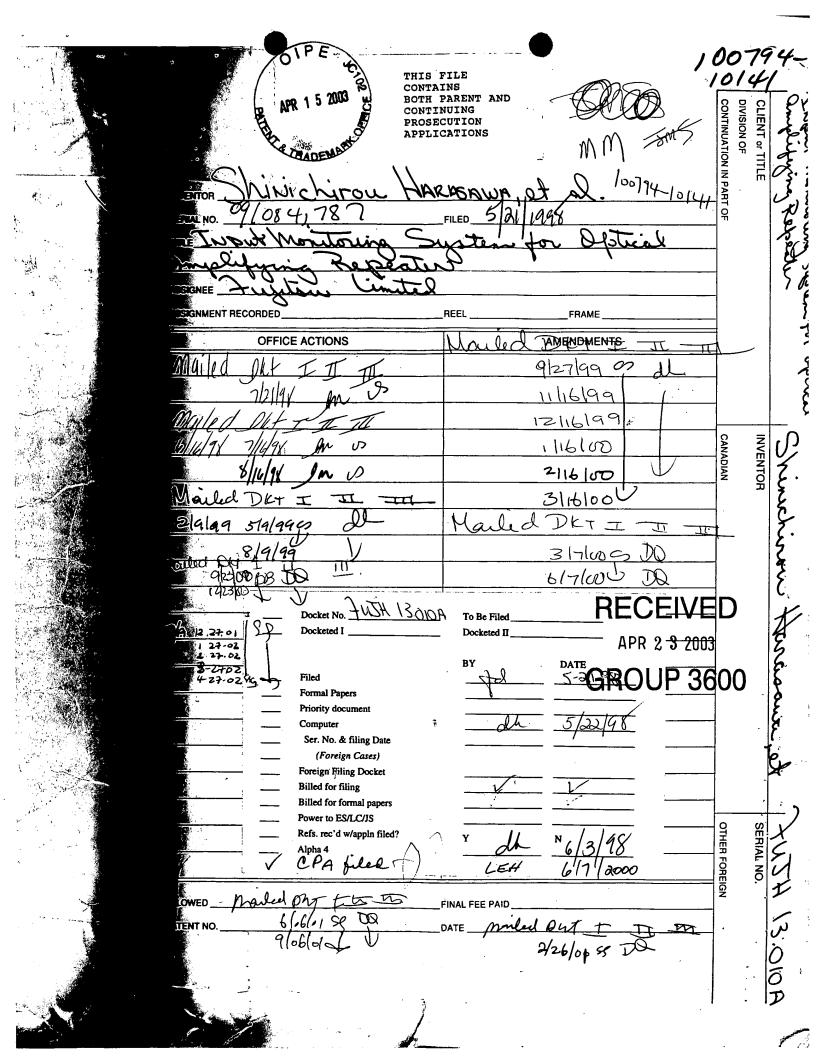
- 1. I am an attorney of record for the above-identified patent application.
- 2. I did not receive the Notice of Allowance for the above-identified patent application
- A search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office Action dated
   September 10, 2002 was not received prior to the Examiner's courtesy fax of March 18,
   2003 (after the due date for response to the Office Action).
- 4. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like

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so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Linda S. Chan



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Postcard Follow Up	21-Jul-1998	Due Date	
Information Disclosure Stmnt	21-Aug-1998	Due Date	
Foreign Filing Reminder	21-Jan-1999	Due Date	
2 MONTH RESPONSE	09-Apr-1999	Due Date	28-Apr-1999
3 MON RESPONSE	09-May-1999	Due Date	28-Apr-1999
Foreign Filing Due	21-May-1999	Final	
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2 MON EXTENSION	09-Jul-1999	Reminder	28-Apr-1999
6 MON FINAL	09-Aug-1999	Final	28-Apr-1999
Rec. to Client	27-Sep-1999	Reminder	
3 MONTH ACTION Follow Up Date	28-Oct-1999	Due Date	
FINAL 3 MON	16-Nov-1999	Due Date	16-Nov-1999
Application Status Check	21-Nov-1999	Due Date	
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FINAL 2 MON EXT	16-Jan-2000	Reminder	16-Nov-1999
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